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Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [20]

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PRAYA EAST HOTEL, Nos. 88 & 90, PRAYA EAST.

THIS HOTEL, situated on the Praya, near the McGregor Barracks, OPEN TO SEA BREEZES all the year round, commanding a fine view of the whole Harbor, having lately been enlarged and refurbished throughout, now offers first-class accommodation to RESIDENTS and BOARDERS.

Wines and Spirits of the best brands only Supplied.

Terms moderate.

J. C. L. ROUCH, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1894. [319]

FUJIYA HOTEL,

MIVANOSHITA, HAKONE.

Four and a half hours from Yokohama.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.

NATURAL HOT SPRINGS.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IN ALL THE BUILDINGS.

TWO ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

SPECIAL RATES MADE FOR A PROLONGED STAY.

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PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well-appointed HOTEL situated at a height of 1,150 feet above sea-level, having been leased by the Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," is now OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL in Queen's Road, thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

SPECIAL WINTER RATES.

FROM NOVEMBER 1st, 1893, TO MARCH 31st, 1894.

One person, per day, \$ 3.00

One person, per week 10.00

One person, one month 50.00

Married couple (occupying one room) per day 5.00

Married couple (occupying one room) per week 12.00

Married couple (occupying one room) per month 95.00

For full particulars apply to VICTORIA HOTEL.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [25]

NGAI SHANG,

20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

RATTAN FURNITURE of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.

Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and Bundles of all kinds.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [320]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.

(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application, DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents, STANDARD LIFE OFFICE, Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000] \$833,333-33;
EQUAL TO \$318,000.00;
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEK MOON, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [574]

Intimations.

LOST.

AT the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on the night of the 21st instant.

A SILVER-BRAIDED WAISTCOAT.

The finder will oblige by returning them to "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY, the 2nd instant, under new and experienced management.

THE STRICTEST ATTENTION will be paid to the Cuisine.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially selected servants has been engaged and will be under the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1894. [198]

Intimations.

BOOKS RELATING TO HORSES AND RIDING.

W. BREWER.

LARGE SELECTION OF NEW TENNIS BATS, INCLUDING:

THE DEMON—Special Champion, Champion Tennis Balls and Match Balls. Brown Leather Walking Shoes, Patent Leather Evening Shoes, Dancing Pumps.

Ball's Story of the Heavens. Ball's in the High Heavens. Gore's—The Visible Universe. Mason's—The Principles of Chess. Hypnotism and the New Witchcraft. Castle's—Schools and Masters of Fence. Denny's Folk Lore of China. Queen's Regulations. Spott's Mechanics' Own Book. Saxon's and Routhwaite's Marine Engineering Rules and Tables.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1893. [40]

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, Douche, Showers, Sprays, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamer.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY, PROPRIETOR.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

BOOKS RELATING TO HORSES AND RIDING.

HAYES RIDING ON THE FLAT AND ACROSS COUNTRY.

HAYES' Points of the Horse.

HAYES' Veterinary Notes for Horse Owners.

HAYES' Soundness and Age of Horses.

HAYES' Training & Horse Management in India.

HAYES' Illustrated Horse Breeding.

The Horsewoman, by Mrs. Hayes.

Riding for Ladies, by Mrs. O'Donoghue.

Hints to Horsewomen, by Mrs. Alibut.

School Training for Horses, by Anderson.

Modern Horsemanship, by Anderson.

The Horse: Management in Health and Disease, by G. Armstrong.

Riding for Pupils, by "A Pupil."

Badminton Riding.

Badminton Driving.

BOOKS ON DOGS.

Stonehenge on "The Dog."

Dogs: A Manual for Amateurs.

Our Dogs and Their Diseases.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1894. [5]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS:—THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Peider's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the

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DR. FENWICK'S FOOD
FOR
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS
ALSO FOR
DYSPEPTICS¹ AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894. [36]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the Prices of our WINES and SPIRITS will be as follows:

P O R T.	
(For Invalids and general Use.)	
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	\$ 14.40
C. Fine Old, vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	16.10
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	20.40

Port after removal should be stored for 3 months before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before sent out. These wines are too well known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

S H E R R Y.

Per dozen Cases.	
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.	\$ 10.80
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	12.00
CC Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	13.00
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule	14.40
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)	20.40

B. C. and C. are excellent dinner wines or for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres wines.

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C L A R E T.

Per Case Per Case Per Quart. Pints.	
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	\$ 6.65 7.50
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	9.00 9.60
D. La Rose, Red Capsule.....	12.95 13.02
Sainte Foy.....	7.20 7.92
Cossac.....	9.60 10.44
Château d'Angle.....	13.20 14.40
Château Haut-Bilon Larivit.....	18.60 19.20
Château Mouton d'Armailhacq.....	21.00 22.20

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape, and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with cheap wines.

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H O C K.

Per Case Per Case Per Quart. Pints.	
Nierstein.....	\$12.00
Rudelsheimer.....	21.00
Hochheimer.....	24.00

BURGUNDY.

Chablis, white wine.....	
Meursault, superior white wine	15.00
Volnay, very superior red wine	21.00 22.20

MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNE.
Full particulars of the various Brands, on application.

B R A N D Y.

Per dozen Cases.	
A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	\$ 14.40
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	16.20
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac.....	20.40
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 vintage, Red Capsule.....	36.00
E. Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1862 vintage.....	48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

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W H I S K Y.

Per dozen Cases.	
B. Watson's Glenrothes Melon Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	\$ 10.80

C. Watson's Absolut-Cleaville, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark

12.00

D. Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Vieux Cascade.....

14.40

E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....

15.00

Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. We recommend our customers not

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to be deterred by the lowness of price from trying them all. For a soda-whisky, Thomas's Blend and Watson's Glenrothes are equal to any. Absolut-Cleaville is a very old Pale Whisky, that could not be replaced in stock at the prices D and E are too well known to need comment. IRISH—

Per dozen Cases.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....

\$ 12.00

B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....

15.00

C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....

18.00

All these are very fine and old. C has been stocked in Hongkong in wood for 20 years, there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the Colony.

AMERICAN—

Per dozen Cases.

Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name and Trade Mark

\$ 15.00

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

G I N.—

Per dozen Cases.

A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule

\$ 7.20

B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule

7.00

R U M.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule

\$ 15.00

Good Leeward Island

6.00

Good Leeward Island

\$2.50 per Gallon.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

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L I Q U E U R S.—

Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Dr. Sieger's Angostura Bitters, &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1894. [5]

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MARRIAGE.

On the 29th March, at Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., WILLIAM HENRY ROBERTS, to ADA MARIE ADEKINS.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL DISARMAMENT.

LONDON, April 1st.

Sir William Harcourt, in the House of Commons, stated that the British Government will take every opportunity to promote any movement towards European disarmament.

THE PHRA YOT CASE.

The French Government has selected three judges from the Court of Appeal, to adjudicate on the decision given at Bangkok, by which Phra Yot was acquitted of the murder of Captain Grougurin.

RUSSIAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.

Russia has concluded a provisional commercial agreement on the basis of mutual "favoured-nation" treatment, to remain in force until July.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

The Spanish Government is sending additional troops to the Philippines, owing to threatened disturbances among the natives.

("Threatened" is an official euphemism. It means that Spain has already suffered several defeats both in Mindanao and Soco (or Jolo). —Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph*.)

BISMARK'S BIRTHDAY.

The anniversary of Prince Bismarck's birth-day was enthusiastically observed throughout Germany. The Emperor William sent him the present of a cuirass together with a letter in which he stated that the steel of the cuirass was the true symbol of the gratitude of the nation.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * "PLEURO-PNEUMONIA," the serious fighting in the Philippines, and a number of other matters of great interest are, owing to extreme pressure on our news columns, unavoidably held over until to-morrow.

The *Diario de Manila* of March 29th says that a greater show than Chiarlo's in its palmost days is now on the way out from Europe to the Philippines.

A REGULAR Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1894.

LONDON, March 7th.
The Earl of Dufferin, speaking in Paris, has expressed the opinion that the prospects of maintaining peace in Europe are much improved, certain questions which had threatened to develop a serious crisis, having now been happily arranged to the mutual satisfaction of the powers concerned.

March 8th.

The news of Mr. Gladstone's retirement has caused a considerable sensation.

The American press is almost unanimous in lauding his wonderful political career and splendid all-round abilities.

The Americans propose to mark their appreciation of the great statesman by the erection of a colossal statue in the Central Park, New York.

The new Atlantic steam service between Canada and England, arranged by Mr. James Huddart, managing owner of the Canadian-Australian line, will be inaugurated in the spring of 1895. It is expected that the Australian mails by this route will be landed in England within 25 days.

Mr. Gladstone, who was reported to be suffering from the effects of a severe chill, is improving.

A movement is on foot to establish a national memorial to Mr. Gladstone in recognition of his services to the country. The proposed memorial will possibly take the form of free libraries.

MELBOURNE, March 8th.

In the race for the Bourke Handicap at Flemington on Tuesday, several horses fell. P. McGoan, the jockey who was riding Lightburn, was killed, and Burton, who rode Princeful, was badly crushed about the chest. Two other jockeys sustained minor injuries.

ADELAIDE, March 8th.

The Intercolonial cricket match between Victoria and South Australia was concluded at Adelaide yesterday, the South Australians winning by 5 runs.

LONDON, March 8th.
H.M.S. *Crescent*, appointed to fill the position of flagship on the Australian station in place of H.M.S. *Orlando*, sailed for Australia on Thursday last, and returned yesterday in a dissipated condition, a portion of her machinery having broken down.

Mr. Gladstone, whose state of health was beginning to cause his friends serious uneasiness, is reported to be better.

The English contractors engaged in a telegraph construction work in the neighbourhood of the Zambezi River (Africa) have for some time past been put to great straits through the hostility of the Portuguese authorities, who have boycotted them in the matter of provision supplies, and indulged in other annoying interferences. Late news states that the ill-feeling has led to an outbreak of active hostilities. Some Portuguese troops have fired on the British; the latter responded, and a small skirmish took place.

It is generally reported that Russia is preparing two hundred additional batteries of artillery.

An almost simultaneous attempt has been made by the Anarchists to destroy the houses of legislature in both France and Italy, in each instance resulting in comparative failure.

The authories having taken steps to guard the interior of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, the dynamitards tried to wreck the building from the outside by exploding bombs under the walls. The concussion smashed all the wind-walls in the building, and wounded half-a-dozen harmless persons passing by. Several persons have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the affair.

The attempt on the French Chamber of Deputies was harmless, no one being injured, but a panic was created, and the Chamber was adjourned.

The billiard match between Roberts, the English champion, and Memmott, an Australian player, has ended in the former winning by 600 points. The match was 20,000 up, the Australian receiving 10,000.

ADELAIDE, March 8th.
Some splendid gold specimens have been unearthed at Mount Pleasant. Two bags of gold weighing 63 ounces; a few more bags have been crushed for a return of 45 ounces. Over one hundredweight of iron-pig specimens are on view in Adelaide.

LONDON, March 8th.
In the House of Commons last night Mr. Labouchere moved an amendment to the Address-in-Reply, suggesting that provision be made for the abolition of the House of Lords' power of veto. Sir William Vernon Harcourt's speech was passed with enthusiasm.

The Canadian Government has introduced a Bill for the payment of Mr. Huddart's mail subsidies.

The German Reichstag has granted a quarter of a million to erect a memorial to the first Emperor William.

Mr. Thomas Shaw, member for the Hawick Burghs, succeeded Mr. Alexander Asher, Q.C., as Solicitor-General for Scotland.

Her Majesty's warship *Crescent*, after undergoing repairs, sailed for the second time on her voyage to Australia, but she has again broken down before getting well clear of the Channel. She now lies at anchor off Spithead, a target for general comment of a not too flattering character.

Reports from British Gambia are to the effect that further conflicts with the slave dealers have been all in favour of the British. Fodilah, the notorious leader of the slave dealers, who has been raiding British territory at the head of a strong force, is reported to have been captured.

The revolution in Brazil is said to be approaching a climax. Latest news is to the effect that one of the most prominent of the insurgent leaders (Admiral Gama) has offered to surrender to the Government on certain conditions, but President Peixoto refuses to entertain the offer, and demands the unconditional surrender of all those who have taken any part in the insurrection.

The new squadron of war vessels, purchased for the Brazilian Government in the United States, has arrived on the scene, and the speedy victory of the President's following is now regarded as assured. The long struggle, having greatly crippled the insurgents, who are not recognisable as belligerents by the outside Powers, and there are therefore comparatively little resistance is expected. Her Majesty awaits the results of the battle.

Mr. Huddart in replying to a deputation from the business people of Cork and Milford said he declined to give a pledge that his steamer would call there. Mr. Huddart also says that the Canadians prefer the unbroken management of the carriage of mails from Australia to London by the Canadian-Australian steamers. He has been assured of the best cargoes for the mail service from Canada to England, and the majority of passengers. It is expected the Canadian Government will abolish the duties on meat and fruit, as the Cabinet is unanimous on the question. It has been suggested that Mr. Huddart's steamers should call at Fiji, but the success of that departure will largely depend upon the Imperial subsidy. It is intended that the average time occupied between Australia and London will be 40 hours less than by the present route from Australia to London via San Francisco, but the New Zealand Government will be required to increase their subsidy.

Mr. James Huddart says that he regards the mounting work of the new mail route as his personal vocation. The praise of British ministers is very gratifying and all very well in its way, but does not satisfy him. He must receive a subsidy from the British Government of at least £75,000.

H.M.S. *Crescent*, which recently put back for repair, sailed again for Australia to join the Australian fleet, but had again to return to port disabled.

During the debate on the Address-in-Reply, members of all shades of opinion promised heavy support for providing for the expansion of the British Navy.

A meeting of the City branch of the Imperial Federation League, to which the Australasian

Agents-General had been invited, was held this afternoon, Sir John Lubbock presiding. Sir Sam Samuel and Sir Andrew Clarke attended, both explaining that they are not prepared to support the proposal of the Marquis of Lorne for the defensive and commercial union in the Empire, or even to revive the Imperial Federation League.

Large returns of gold continue to be obtained at Mount Pleasant, and the outlook is a very cheerful one.

LONDON, March 9th.
The Argentine Courts have decided against the application for the extradition of the notorious English swindler, Balfour, in so far as the first charge is concerned. There are sixteen other charges to follow.

It is stated that the Bank of England has lost a quarter of a million sterling through the establishment of Frank May, late cashier in the Lords, that England must consent before Home Rule can be granted to Ireland.

The Government has announced that steps will be immediately taken to add to the strength of the British Navy. The additions will comprise seven first-class battleship ironclads of 15,000 tons, capable of a speed of eighteen knots an hour at sea; also six swift cruisers and two sloops, of seven and one thousand tons respectively. It is estimated that seven thousand men will be required to efficiently man these vessels.

Advices from Rio de Janeiro state that the members of the New South Wales Assembly can continue to be inebriate after the recent exposures.

An impression prevails that Lord Rosebery means to approach the Home Rule question.

The House of Commons, by a majority of 190, has refused to grant an amnesty to the Irish political prisoners.

President Peixoto declines to accept Admiral De Gama's conditions for the surrender of the insurgents.

SYDNEY, March 9th.

A widow named Sarah Bally, living at Balmain Sydney, while in a condition of dementia, attacked her little daughter with an ax, inflicting wounds which are likely to prove fatal.

The little girl Bayley, who was attacked by her mother with an ax yesterday, has since died. A peculiar feature of the sad occurrence is that the victim, Emily, was the mother's favourite child. It is probably owing to the fact that the child had caused her much anxiety, being afflicted with hare-lip, and having been in the Hospital on more than one occasion to undergo an operation. This and financial reverses preyed upon the woman's mind and caused insanity.

Mrs. Bayley, who killed her child yesterday at Balmain, is still a raving maniac, although she occasionally becomes rational. She has not been told of the death of the child.

In the Assembly to-day the Premier said that there was no truth in the report that the Chief Justice had recently made a composition with his creditors.

A great sensation has been caused among the Trades Unions in Sydney by the report that thirty compositors of the *Daily Telegraph* have received a month's notice, as the Directors intend to introduce type-setting machinery.

MELBOURNE, March 9th.

The retiring Railway Commissioners, Mr. Francis Murray and Mr. Kibble, have completed their final report and forwarded it to the Minister for Railways. They say that since they took office, by judicious management and retrenchment, they have effected a saving between £500,000 and £600,000 per annum, and have also introduced reforms in various departments. They have re-organised the train service, and put it on a paying basis.

The action instituted by Mr. Allison Smith for the recovery of £15,000 against Mr. Syme, of the *Age*, was the subject of an application to Mr. Justice Hood in the Practice Court to-day, when the defendant applied to have the case remitted to the County Court, on the ground that the plaintiff had no means of paying costs should the verdict be against him. The application was adjourned.

EDINBURGH, March 9th.

The Government have decided to establish a labour colony in Queensland.

Very heavy rain and severe floods are reported from different parts of the colony.

LONDON, March 9th.

The Portuguese have elected Admiral Gama, of the insurgents, from the Portuguese warship at Rio. He then took refuge in a French warship.

Admiral Melo declines to yield.

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The German Reichstag has granted a quarter of a million to erect a memorial to the first Emperor William.

Mr. Thomas Shaw, member for the Hawick Burghs, succeeded Mr. Alexander Asher, Q.C., as Solicitor-General for Scotland.

Her Majesty's warship *Crescent*, after undergoing repairs, sailed for the second time on her voyage to Australia, but she has again broken down before getting well clear of the Channel.

She now lies at anchor off Spithead, a target for general comment of a not too flattering character.

Reports from British Gambia are to the effect that further conflicts with the slave dealers have been all in favour of the British. Fodilah, the notorious leader of the slave dealers, who has been raiding British territory at the head of a strong force, is reported to have been captured.

The revolution in Brazil is said to be approaching a climax. Latest news is to the effect that one of the most prominent of the insurgent leaders (Admiral Gama) has offered to surrender to the Government on certain conditions, but President Peixoto refuses to entertain the offer, and demands the unconditional surrender of all those who have taken any part in the insurrection.

The new squadron of war vessels, purchased for the Brazilian Government in the United States, has arrived on the scene, and the speedy victory of the President's following is now regarded as assured. The long struggle, having greatly crippled the insurgents, who are not recognisable as belligerents by the outside Powers, and there are therefore comparatively little resistance is expected. Her Majesty awaits the results of the battle.

Mr. Huddart in replying to a deputation from the business people of Cork and Milford said he declined to give a pledge that his steamer would call there. Mr. Huddart also says that the Canadians prefer the unbroken management of the carriage of mails from Australia to London by the Canadian-Australian steamers. He has been assured of the best cargoes for the mail service from Canada to England, and the majority of passengers.

It is expected the Canadian Government will abolish the duties on meat and fruit, as the Cabinet is unanimous on the question. It has been suggested that Mr. Huddart's steamers should call at Fiji, but the success of that departure will largely depend upon the Imperial subsidy. It is intended that the average time occupied between Australia and London will be 40 hours less than by the present route from Australia to London via San Francisco, but the New Zealand Government will be required to increase their subsidy.

Mr. James Huddart says that he regards the mounting work of the new mail route as his personal vocation. The praise of British ministers is very gratifying and all very well in its way, but does not satisfy him. He must receive a subsidy from the British Government of at least £75,000.

H.M.S. *Crescent*, which recently put back for repair, sailed again for Australia to join the Australian fleet, but had again to return to port disabled.

During the debate on the Address-in-Reply, members of all shades of opinion promised heavy support for providing for the expansion of the British Navy.

A meeting of the City branch of the Imperial

Federation League, to which the Australasian Agents-General had been invited, was held this afternoon, Sir John Lubbock presiding. Sir Sam Samuel and Sir Andrew Clarke attended, both explaining that they are not prepared to support the proposal of the Marquis of Lorne for the defensive and commercial union in the Empire, or even to revive the Imperial Federation League.

Large returns of gold continue to be obtained at Mount Pleasant, and the outlook is a very cheerful one.

LONDON, March 9th.

The Argentine Courts have decided against the application for the extradition of the notorious English swindler, Balfour, in so far as the first charge is concerned. There are sixteen other charges to follow.

It is stated that the Bank of England has lost a quarter of a million sterling through the establishment of Frank May, late cashier in the Lords, that England must consent before Home Rule can be granted to Ireland.

Lord Rosebery, in his speech to-day, whenever he cares to lead us.

The general opinion is that the speech makes reunion impossible. Much comment is excited by the admission of Lord Rosebery, in the debate in the House of Lords, that England must consent before Home Rule can be granted to Ireland.

The Government has announced that steps will be immediately taken to add to the strength of the British Navy. The additions will comprise seven first-class battleship ironclads of 15,000 tons, capable of a speed of eighteen knots an hour at sea; also six swift cruisers and two sloops, of seven and one thousand tons respectively. It is estimated that seven thousand men will be required to efficiently man these vessels.

Lord Rosebery is at present staying at Brighton.

The House of Commons has voted an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. In the debate which took place, Lord Rosebery said Egypt was at present peaceful, but in view of recent events there the vigilance of the British Government was necessary for some time to come.

In the House of Commons Sir W. V. Harcourt promised a discussion on Indian Finance at an early date after Easter.

A memorial from the London Chamber of Commerce urges the Government to arrange for the resumption of the Brussels Silver Conference, hoping that further discussion, in light of recent events, may result in a plan for remedying the evil which has dislocated the business of the entire East.

In the House of Lords last night, Lord Salisbury urged the Government to take the verdict of the people on Home Rule immediately as delay would be disastrous both to England and Ireland. Lord Rosebery said the Government were prepared to appeal to the country on the question of Home Rule when the time was ripe, but would not concede the right to the Lords to force a dissolution.

Advices from Rio de Janeiro state that the insurgents have effected a saving between £500,000 and £600,000 per annum, and have also introduced reforms in various departments. They have re-organized the train service, and put it on a paying basis.

Mrs. Bayley, who killed her child yesterday at Balmain, is still a raving maniac, although she occasionally becomes rational. She has not been told of the death of the child.

The eccentric King of the Belgians, who disappeared from his usual haunts some little time back to suddenly and mysteriously reappear, is causing great uneasiness, has been found—where and under what circumstances is not yet explained.

The British Government has decided to adopt the eight-hour system wherever practicable in works coming under Government control. The principle will be introduced in all the dockyards from Monday next.

VALPARAISO, March 9th.

The British Parliament has sanctioned the final report and forwarded it to the Minister for Railways. They say that since they took office, by judicious management and retrenchment, they have effected a saving between £500,000 and £600,000 per annum, and have also introduced reforms in various departments. They have re-organized the train service, and put it on a paying basis.

Ernest Knox, the burglar who shot young Captain recently, was hanged in Melbourne Gaol on Monday morning. Prisoner, who was only twenty-one years of age, died repented.

PERTH (W. A.), March 9th.

Latest news from Coolgardie is to the effect that there had been a fall of rain.

SYDNEY, March 9th.

Heavy storms have occurred in different localities in New South Wales. The Hunter River and the Hawkesbury River are in a state of flood. The town of Camden is partly submerged, and considerable destruction of property is feared.

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